

Table 1. Average Monthly Poverty, by Selected Characteristics: 2001 through 2003

(SOURCE: Survey of Income and Program Participation. For information on sampling and nonsampling error see <http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/source.html>). Numbers in thousands)

	2001			2002			2003		
	Total	In Poverty		Total	In Poverty		Total	In Poverty	
		Number	Percent-age		Number	Percent-age		Number	Percent-age
All People	278,898	39,245	14.1	281,014	39,485	14.1	285,555	39,336	13.8
Race and Hispanic Origin									
White	228,664	27,422	12.0	230,207	27,417	11.9	233,759	27,357	11.7
White, Not Hispanic	195,851	19,939	10.2	196,300	19,628	10.0	197,827	19,640	9.9
Black	35,481	9,424	26.6	35,867	9,660	26.9	36,520	9,586	26.2
Asian or Pacific Islander	11,304	1,473	13.0	11,277	1,393	12.3	11,553	1,415	12.2
Hispanic	36,199	8,338	23.0	37,428	8,635	23.1	39,529	8,657	21.9
Not Hispanic	242,699	30,906	12.7	243,586	30,850	12.7	246,025	30,679	12.5
Age									
Under 18 Years	71,758	14,070	19.6	71,657	14,256	19.9	72,177	14,144	19.6
18 to 64 Years	173,516	21,495	12.4	175,620	21,748	12.4	179,171	21,640	12.1
65 Years and Over	33,623	3,679	10.9	33,737	3,481	10.3	34,207	3,553	10.4
Sex									
Male	136,206	17,131	12.6	137,286	17,314	12.6	139,620	17,274	12.4
Female	142,692	22,114	15.5	143,728	22,172	15.4	145,935	22,063	15.1
Educational Attainment (People 18 and Over)									
Less than 4 yrs of high school	35,188	8,544	24.3	35,491	8,388	23.6	37,219	8,338	22.4
High school graduate, no college	61,947	7,703	12.4	60,495	7,482	12.4	60,012	7,315	12.2
One or more years of college	106,996	8,439	7.9	105,046	7,911	7.5	105,041	7,630	7.3
Metropolitan Area Status									
Metropolitan Area	224,595	29,767	13.3	225,668	29,813	13.2	229,629	29,797	13.0
Central City	81,607	15,300	18.7	82,529	15,204	18.4	84,246	15,301	18.2
Not a Central City	142,989	14,468	10.1	143,138	14,609	10.2	145,383	14,495	10.0
Not a metropolitan area	54,303	9,477	17.5	55,346	9,673	17.5	55,926	9,540	17.1
Region									
Northeast	52,953	6,863	13.0	52,968	6,852	12.9	54,073	7,004	13.0
Midwest	63,500	7,512	11.8	63,649	7,494	11.8	63,592	7,397	11.6
South	99,113	16,122	16.3	99,977	16,066	16.1	101,811	16,215	15.9
West	63,332	8,747	13.8	64,420	9,074	14.1	66,079	8,720	13.2
Family Status									
In Families	233,309	28,641	12.3	235,468	29,164	12.4	239,825	29,145	12.2
- with related children under 18	150,130	24,224	16.1	151,643	24,885	16.4	153,920	24,757	16.1
Married-couple families	180,152	13,802	7.7	181,848	14,217	7.8	184,927	13,914	7.5
- with related children under 18	111,638	10,753	9.6	112,778	11,416	10.1	114,693	11,051	9.6
Female-headed-no-husband-present families	40,857	13,128	32.1	41,680	13,263	31.8	42,769	13,496	31.6
- with related children under 18	31,263	12,144	38.8	31,788	12,152	38.2	32,183	12,296	38.2
Male-headed-no-wife-present families	12,300	1,711	13.9	11,939	1,684	14.1	12,130	1,735	14.3
- with related children under 18	7,229	1,327	18.3	7,078	1,316	18.6	7,045	1,410	20.0
Unrelated individuals	45,589	10,604	23.3	45,546	10,321	22.7	45,730	10,191	22.3
- in non-family households	41,237	9,075	22.0	41,712	8,966	21.5	42,186	8,910	21.1
Employment Status (People 18 years and over)									
Employed full-time	107,831	4,408	4.1	106,492	4,180	3.9	108,556	4,136	3.8
Employed part-time	29,085	4,289	14.7	29,522	4,100	13.9	30,002	4,044	13.5
Unemployed	5,037	2,221	44.1	6,200	2,540	41.0	6,067	2,492	41.1
Not in the labor force	65,186	14,256	21.9	67,143	14,408	21.5	68,752	14,521	21.1
Marital Status (People 18 years and over)									
Married	117,921	8,177	6.9	118,950	8,342	7.0	120,830	8,229	6.8
Separated, divorced, widowed	40,723	8,105	19.9	40,949	8,039	19.6	41,662	8,132	19.5
Never married	48,495	8,892	18.3	49,458	8,848	17.9	50,885	8,832	17.4

For further information on the source of the data and accuracy of the estimates, including standard errors and confidence intervals, go to [http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A01_20060323_Long\(S&A-3\).pdf](http://www.sipp.census.gov/sipp/sourceac/S&A01_20060323_Long(S&A-3).pdf)

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